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IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE AT KARAIKAL

Present: T. KARIKALAN,

District Magistrate, Karaikal.

M.C. No. 1, dated 7-3-2016

ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 of Cr. P.C. 1973

Whereas, the Election Commission of India has announced on 4-3-2016 that the General Elections to Puducherry Legislative Assembly 2016 will be held on 16-5-2016 as soon as this announcement of the Election schedule, the Model Code of Conduct has come into force with immediate effect;

And whereas, the Election Commission of India, issued instructions that the District Magistrate, shall make a detailed and individual review and assessment of all licensed arms holders, so, that licensed arms in those cases, where they consider it essential are impounded in order to ensure maintenance of Law and Order so, essential for ensuing free and fair elections;

And whereas, the Election Commission of India, also instructed that prohibitory order under section 144 of Cr.P.C., 1973 shall be issued banning the carrying of licensed arms as soon as an election is announced and should be effective till the declaration of results:

And whereas, it appears to me that carrying of fire arms, spears, swords, sticks, brickbats, lathis and other weapons by the public during the election period is likely to lead to breach of peace threat to peaceful conduct of elections in the District of Karaikal of Union territory of Puducherry;

And whereas, in my opinion, there is sufficient ground for proceeding under section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 to prohibit the action mentioned in paragraph (4) which may be detrimental to public peace and tranquility and may pose threat to peaceful conduct of free and fair elections.

And whereas, all the Station House Officers, shall make a detailed and individual review and assessment of all licensed holders and all the licensed arms holders shall deposit their weapons with the nearest Police Station immediately and in any case before 12-3-2016. If the individual licence holder fails to deposit their arms, the Station House Officers shall impound it. The Station House Officers shall furnish a detailed report on such deposit and seizure.

And whereas, this ban shall not be applicable to those communities who are entitled to display weapons by long standing law, custom and usage and also to those Nationalized/Private Banks, where arms necessary to safeguard cash chest. However, individual exemption order shall have to be obtained immediately.

Now, therefore, I, T. Karikalan, District Magistrate, Karaikal do hereby;

- 1. Order that all the arms licence holders shall deposit their weapons with the nearest Police Station immediately, latest by 12-3-2016.
- 2. Prohibit possession and carrying of any kind of spears, swords, sticks, brickbats, lathis and other weapons by the general public in the District of Karaikal with immediate effect.

Dated, 7th day of March, 2016.

T. KARIKALAN,
District Magistrate, Karaikal.

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